

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: David A. Ruben Docket: P-8981.04
Serial No.: 10/816,794 Group Art: 3729
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Title: AN APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR LASER WELDING OF
RIBBONS FOR ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies our Response to Notice to File Missing Parts in the above-captioned divisional patent application.

Applicant notes that two drawings were inadvertently omitted when the papers for the divisional application were submitted. With respect to the missing drawings (i.e., FIG. 10 and FIG. 11), Applicant elects to proceed without replacing them and herewith submits amendments to the Specification intended to eliminate direct reference to said missing drawings.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: